

OFFICIAL**APPLICATION of FARBER et al. -- Appln. No. 09/612,598**

In a telephone conference today, December 14, 2000, Examiner Wienhardt indicated that Applicants' Request for Interference was in condition to be passed to the Examiner for expedited processing except for one issue. In particular, the Examiner indicated that applicant should indicate, for those claims that do not correspond exactly to any particular count, why the claims correspond to the count (per 37 CFR § 1.607(4)). Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.607(a)(2), applicants propose revised counts. The counts have been revised to comply with the current version of 37 CFR § 1.606. Further, as noted below, applicants believe that all of the claims of the Leighton '703 patent as well as all of the pending claims of the present application correspond exactly to one of the counts. To the extent that there are differences between the claims and the counts, they are not considered to be patentably distinct inventions.

As a preliminary matter, Applicant initially proposed three counts, with count 3 corresponding to pending claim 25 of the present application. In view of the cancellation of claims 25-40 (by separate Preliminary Amendment filed herewith), count 3 is withdrawn. Further in view of the cancellation of claims 25-40, the Examiner is respectfully reminded that all claims now pending in this application (claims 41-61) correspond to allowed claims of the '703 patent.

A. REVISED PROPOSED COUNTS AND CORRESPONDING CLAIMS

Counts 1 and 2 correspond to claims 17 (claim 51 of the present application) and 19 (claim 53 of the present application) of the Leighton '703 patent, respectively. These new counts 1 and 2 supersede counts 1 and 2 as originally proposed. As noted above, original count 3 has been removed along with the cancellation of claims 25-40 of the present application. In the event that the method claims are deemed to define a separately patentable

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invention over the system ("framework") claims, applicants propose the following alternative count 3, corresponding to claim 1 of the Leighton '703 patent.

Count 1: ('703 claim 17, application claim 51)

A content delivery method, comprising:

tagging an embedded object in a page to resolve to a domain other than a content provider domain by prepending given data to a content provider-supplied URL to generate an alternate resource locator (ARL);

serving the page from a content provider server with the ARL; and

resolving the ARL to identify a content server in the domain; and

serving the embedded object from the identified content server.

Count 2: ('703 Patent claim 19, application claim 53)

A content delivery service, comprising:

replicating a set of page objects across a wide area network of content servers managed by a domain other than a content provider domain;

for a given page normally served from the content provider domain, tagging the embedded objects of the page so that requests for the page objects resolve to the domain instead of the content provider domain;

responsive to a request for the given page received at the content provider domain, serving the given page from the content provider domain; and

serving at least one embedded object of the given page from a given content server in the domain instead of from the content provider domain.

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A distributed hosting framework operative in a computer network in which users of client machines connect to a content provider server, the framework comprising:

a routine for modifying at least one embedded object URL of a web page to include a hostname prepended to a domain name and path;

a set of content servers, distinct from the content provider server, for hosting at least some of the embedded objects of web pages that are normally hosted by the content provider server;

at least one first level name server that provides a first level domain name service (DNS) resolution; and

at least one second level name server that provides a second level domain name service (DNS) resolution;

wherein in response to requests for the web page, generated by the client machines the web page including the modified embedded object URL is served from the content provider server and the embedded object identified by the modified embedded object URL is served from a given one of the content servers as identified by the first level and second level name servers.

APPLICATION of FARBER et al. - Appln. No. 09/612,598**B. IDENTIFICATION OF CLAIMS CORRESPONDING TO THE COUNTS**

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.607(a)(3) and (4), the following claims of the Leighton '703 Patent and of the present application are identified as corresponding to the counts:

a) Claims Of the Leighton '703 Patent:***Count 1***

Claims 14-18, 20-25 and 29-33 of the Leighton '703 Patent should be designated as corresponding to count 1.

Count 2

Claims 1-13, 19, 26-28 and 34 of the Leighton '703 Patent should be designated as corresponding to count 2.

Count 3

Claims 1-13 of the Leighton '703 Patent should be designated as corresponding to count 3.

b) Claims Of Present Application***Count 1***

Claims 48-52, and 54-60 of the present application should be designated as corresponding to count 1.

Count 2

Claims 41-47, 53 and 61 of the present application should be designated as corresponding to count 2.

Count 3

Claim 41 of the present application should be designated as corresponding to count 3.